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Dear Jessie: -

I've been here 8 days now and as you may might
suppose the uppermost feeling is one of strangeness to so many
new people in the office, ^{Letting adjusted takes time apparently} ~~and that~~ It's rather unsettling - at least
today seems to be the first time I've gotten a day's work done and
according to my own taste.

On the sixteenth last Monday I had a long talk with
FFR about you and your work. His mind is quite made up to
the immediate and important advantage it would be to have your
help in developing nursing in Europe, and in view of what conversations
twixt ^{you} him & Mason and ^{him} you and Mason I presume it's hardly
news to you. I told him I thought his work wouldn't be a
go without you and that your work wouldn't be a full blown
success without further development ^{+ extension} into the PH field. It wouldn't
surprise me if he were to ask you to ^{assume} a formal responsibility
for work in the 9HD within a month or so. Obviously it rests
with you and him to arrive at an agreement, but my feeling
is that you would be ^{right} wise to see in this slow and deliberate
action of his an opportunity to advance nursing further and protect it

longer than is possible under the present M.S. program. As I told
you I came here decided, in case no one in the RF wanted to
back nursing in Europe beyond the present MS program, to try
to reverse (^{and} extend) that program myself. That was based on
my opinion of your unfitness and the value of nursing as you see it.
A good deal better opportunity has come ^{now} however and I think you
don't need a long letter to explain why it's preferable for you
to take it on. If you choose to keep out of P.H.D. would be a poor background for us to argue from in support of overriding an M.S. program.

~~My present job in M.S. and the Agency — so far~~
~~an official position given to you by the Agency if P.H.D.~~
~~offers you a place in the staff of the P.H.D.~~ If I am invited
to come to NY permanently you can count on me as much as
ever, if I'm not, the same holds true. But because I see a
bigger chance for you in the P.H.D. I should urge you, ^{whether I'm} here or in
Paris, to take it.

You've treated me superciliously. If my efforts to help you
deserve the name of help you can use your cat's whiskers to tell
you why it was given — out of respect and admiration and
affection, which you can continue to count upon whether I'm
here or there.

Yours as usual

H.K.T.

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